

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-18, 20-35 and 37-38 are pending in this application. Claims 2, 19 and 36 had been previously canceled. Claims 1, 18 and 35 are independent. The present amendments are supplemental to the amendments of November 18, 1009 to assure more consistent use of certain claim recitations and proper antecedence for all recitations. Applicants respectfully reiterate the points and arguments presented on November 18, 2009 and urge favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

CONCLUSION

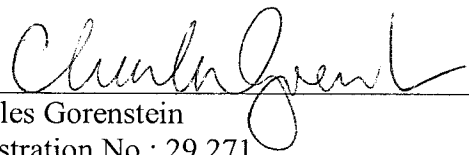
In view of the above amendment and remarks, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Charu K. Mehta, Reg. No. 62,913 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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